

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 BONN 13540 201732Z

66

ACTION EB-07

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 DODE-00 NSAE-00 TRSE-00 ERDA-05

CIAE-00 COME-00 L-03 /028 W  
----- 002933

R 201716Z AUG 75

FM AMEMBASSY BONN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2267

INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY LONDON

USMISSION OECD PARIS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BONN 13540

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: ESTC, COCOM

SUBJECT: COCOM: LIST REVISION SESSIONS

1. FRG ECONMIN ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR TRADE POLICY ELSON REQUESTED MEETING WITH ECON/COM MINISTER TO EXPRESS FRG CONCERN OVER SLOW PROGRESS IN COCOM LIST REVISION. HE UTILIZED OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT FRG "NON-PAPER" IN WHICH GERMAN CONCERN EXPRESSED OVER LIMITED PROGRESS MADE THUS FAR AND SUPPORTED UK PROPOSAL FOR FOURTH NEGOTIATING ROUND TO BEGIN OCTOBER 13. FRG VIEW WAS THAT THIS FOURTH SESSION SHOULD LAST NO LONGER THAN THREE WEEKS. IN VIEW OF LARGE NUMBER OF ITEMS STILL TO BE DECIDED, HOWEVER, (ABOUT 50 OUT OF THE ORIGINAL LIST OF APPROXIMATELY 80), IT WAS ESSENTIAL, IN THE FRG VIEW, THAT TO MAINTAIN THIS TIMETABLE, ALL PARTIES TO THE NEGOTIATIONS BE PROVIDED WITH FULL INSTRUCTIONS BY THEIR GOVERNMENTS AND HAVE SUFFICIENT FLEXIBILITY TO NEGOTIATE. THE PAPER ALSO DEPLORED THE FACT THAT MANY DELEGATIONS WERE COMPOSED OF MEMBERS WHO WERE NOT TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED TO MAKE FINAL DECISIONS WITHOUT TIME-CONSUMING CONSULTATIONS WITH THEIR GOVERNMENTS.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BONN 13540 201732Z

2. THE FRG WANTS TO MOVE MORE DECISIVELY TOWARD LIBERALIZATION, ACCORDING TO ELSON, WHILE PRESERVING OUR ESSENTIAL SECURITY INTERESTS. SUCH A LIBERALIZATION, HE NOTED, HAS BEEN HAMPERED BY THE PONDEROUS PACE OF THE COCOM NEGOTIATIONS. HE REFERRED IN PASSING TO HOPE THAT US DELEGATION WOULD IN FUTURE BE IN BETTER POSITION TO REACH DECISIONS EXPEDITIOUSLY. HE STATED THAT MOST ITEMS STILL OUTSTANDING REQUIRE ONLY A YES-OR-NO DECISION, SINCE THE PROBLEMS IN ALL THEIR TECHNICAL COMPLEXITY ARE ALREADY KNOWN.

3. ECON/COM MINISTER, WHILE EXPRESSING SYMPATHY FOR FRG INTERESTS IN COCOM MATTERS, EXPLAINED THAT USG POSITION ON EACH ITEM UNDER REVIEW WAS ARRIVED AT IN SOMEWHAT MORE COMPLEX FASHION THAN THAT EMPLOYED IN FRG, AND THAT HARMONIZING ALL VIEWS OF INTERESTED US AGENCIES REQUIRED TIME AND TECHNICAL EXPERTISE, FACTORS WHICH WERE SOMETIMES DIFFICULT TO COALESCE. NEVERTHELESS, HE ASSURED ELSON THAT WE WOULD MAKE THE FRG VIEWS KNOWN TO WASHINGTON, EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE THAT THE GERMANS PLACE ON THE SWIFT AND SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF THE FOURTH SESSION.

4. COMMENT. WE NOTE IN STATE 193488 THAT DEPARTMENT HOPED THERE WOULD NOT BE NEED FOR FOURTH ROUND IN LIST REVISION NEGOTIATIONS CYCLE; HOWEVER, AS FEWER THAN HALF OF ITEMS UNDER REVIEW HAVE YET BEEN AGREED UPON, GERMANS SEEM TO BELIEVE FOURTH ROUND INEVITABLE. WHILE WE ARE UNAWARE OF ATTITUDES OF OTHER DELEGATIONS TO COCOM, IT IS APPARENT THAT THE GERMANS ARE VERY EAGER FOR CONTINUATION AND COMPLETION OF REVIEW, AN ATTITUDE APPARENTLY SHARED BY UK. WE WOULD THUS APPRECIATE HAVING SHORT SUMMARY OF WHERE REVIEW STANDS FROM DEPARTMENT POINT OF VIEW. ELSON EXPRESSED HOPE WE COULD LET GERMANS KNOW IN ADVANCE OF ANY NEW US POSITIONS, SINCE IT IS DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH QUESTIONS RAISED FRESH DURING NEGOTIATING SESSIONS.  
CASH

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** STRATEGIC TRADE CONTROLS, EXCEPTIONS LIST, NEGOTIATIONS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 20 AUG 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** GarlanWA  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975BONN13540  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750288-0568  
**From:** BONN  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750833/aaaabcfx.tel  
**Line Count:** 98  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION EB  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** GarlanWA  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 20 MAY 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <20 May 2003 by GarlanWA>; APPROVED <28 MAY 2003 by GarlanWA>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
06 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** N/A  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** COCOM: LIST REVISION SESSIONS  
**TAGS:** ESTC, GE, COCOM  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006